Private sector Investment in Satellites

†* 118. SHRIRAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country needs a large number of satellite transponders in the ensuing years;

(b) whether we are in the position to meet this requirement.

(c) if so, whether there is any scheme for investment by the private sector in satellites; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. We will be in a position to meet this demand.

(c) and (d) There is no specific scheme for investment by the private sector satellites. However, they are free to make investments in satellites.

Regularisation of Government Servants

* 119. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government servants who rendered 240 days or more service each in two consecutive years in a higher category would be regularized in higher category;

(b) if so, the details of rules in this regard;

(c) whether the above said rules are being followed by the various departments and Ministries; and

(d) if not, what action Government propose to take to regularise such workers in the higher category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCESAND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. There is no such rule.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Regular apointment in a higher category can be made only against a clear vacancy in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Recruitment

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